--- "Series of 1880-81" - TOBACCO - Quebec Division - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/4th pound - lithographed in black ink - inscribed *G. La Rue / Collector* **- 238 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *G. La Rue* replaced *J. E. Fortier* as Collector at Quebec On February 16th 1878.

John McKay records that 1,677,503 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 Black Tobacco" were "Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract**.

John McKay further records that 888,240 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 Black Tobacco" were "Delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract**. These are probably lithographed strips from the "Series of 1883".

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) - 1,677,503

Working from the last recorded control number – as collected to date

Division Open	67,099
Hamilton Division	385,337
Montreal Division	15,979
Quebec Division	203,753
Quebec Division N 12	232,790
Toronto Division C 12	139,641
Windsor Division	252,124
	1,296,723

The catalogue lists the 1/4 pound, black, Quebec, TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-48 - 1/4 pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-48a - 1/4 pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-free* copy of **RP-48n** - the perforated 1/4th pound Quebec Division strip, lithographed in black ink on *block watermarked vertical mesh* wove.

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-free* copy of **RP-48an** - the perforated 1/4th pound Quebec Division strip lithographed in black ink on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove.

The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/4th pound, black, *imperforate*, Quebec Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - an unfinished remnant strip

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--- RP-48 - 1/4th pound - *perforated 12* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls ---

RP-48 - 1/4th pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **078146**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper, used by Licensee # *1*,
Dated *11 80* in December 1880, stamped **CANCELLED** in 8 mm. rose Roman letters

000565	08/80	RP-48	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, used by Licensee # 1, manuscript *4 80* in red ink
078146★	12/80	RP-48	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, used by Licensee # 1, manuscript *11 80* in black ink
094550★	01/81	RP-48	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, used by Licensee # 3, manuscript *14 81* in black ink
100168	03/81	RP-48	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, used by Licensee # 1, manuscript *17 81* in black ink
100183	03/81	RP-48	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, used by Licensee # 1, manuscript *17 81* in black ink

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--- RP-48a - 1/4th pound - *perforated 12* - on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls ---

RP-48a - 1/4th pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **203753**,
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper, used by Licensee # *2*,
Dated *8 81* in October 1881, stamped **CANCELLED** in 12 mm. Gothic letters

148369	06/81	RP-48a	1/4th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh, Dated *22 - 81* by Licensee # 2
159219	06/81	RP-48a	1/4th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh, Dated *22 - 81* by Licensee # 2
159248	06/81	RP-48a	1/4th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh, Dated *22 - 81* by Licensee # 2
203753★	10/81	RP-48a	1/4th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh, Dated *8- 81* by Licensee # 2

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